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Dean fights to
salvage home
from floodwaters

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UT Austin pushes for student regent

by Robert Boggs
Editor in chief

If the Student Government of the University of Texas at Austin gets its way, there could be a student on the University of Texas System Board of Regents as early as 2003.

Supporters led by UT Austin student body president Katie King began gathering support for legislation to be proposed in the next legislative session to create a new position of student regent.

The bill, which would have to be passed by both the Texas House of Representatives and Senate, would give the student regent the same powers granted to other regents on the board.

Board members are responsible for establishing budgets, setting tuition, reviewing degree requirement changes and other administrative tasks that apply to the entire UT System.

Student government officials said the new regent would give students a more direct influence on the policies affecting them.

"Every year the Board of Regents makes hundreds of decisions without hearing the perspective or voice of the students they serve. This student perspective would add significantly to the debate and decisions of the board in a most positive way," King said in a letter to the system's student government presidents.

That university's student body has "frequently advocated" similar legislation over the past 30 years, the student government said in a resolution passed earlier this year.

The effort was first made in the 1970s, but was pushed again in 1993, 1995 and 1997, King told *The Patriot* on Tuesday.

During the last legislative session, Representative Ron Wilson sponsored House Bill 3508, which proposed the creation of a student regent.

The bill was passed unanimously by the House Committee on Higher Education, but died in the House Calendars Committee, King said.

She attributed its failure to a

lack of a Senate sponsor and an introduction too late into the legislative session.

This time around, she said she plans to be prepared. Student government members have approached representatives, students, university presidents and others to drum up more support, King said.

"We're trying to go at it from all sides," she said.

At UT Tyler, the Student Government Association plans to gather signatures in support of a student regent, Stephanie Heeren, the president of SGA, said.

If the legislation passes, Texas would join almost 40 other states

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Lampton named new Longview UC director

Dr. Jolene Lampton has been appointed the new director of the University of Texas at Tyler Longview University Center, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

Her position is effective Aug. 26.

Dr. Lampton succeeds Chris Heiden, who is leaving the position as of Aug. 31 to pursue a doctoral degree at the University of North Texas.

"The selection of Dr. Lampton as the new director is another positive step in the ongoing development of the

Longview University Center. Her commitment to education will be a great asset to the Longview area as UT Tyler continues its efforts to meet the needs of the students," Dr. David O'Keeffe, provost and vice president for academic affairs, said.

Dr. Lampton has all the necessary skills to be an effective leader, and she is enthusiastic about the future of the center and the greater Longview community, O'Keeffe added.

"I am looking forward to working with Dr. Lampton as

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Clark shifts to associate vice president position

Dr. Mil Clark is filling a newly created position of associate vice president for academic affairs. Clark, dean of the College of Education and Psychology, assumed the role prior to the beginning of the fall semester.

"This position was originally created when looking for a new provost last year," Clark said.

In his new position, Clark will assist Dr. David O'Keeffe, provost and vice president for academic affairs at the University.

The salary for Clark in his new position



that has not been developed in a structured way. That's an area that will get some focus. Recruiting students into graduate focus will increase," Clark said.

During his years of service at UT Tyler, Clark has led the College of Education and Psychology through a restructuring of the Center for the Professional Development of Teachers, the establishment of psychobiology laboratory and the implementation of the Principal Institute and UT Tyler Literacy Center.

Clark and his wife Barbie have been married 37 years and have one daughter.

High Rise



Patriot Center construction as scheduled

by Joe Elerson
Staff writer

Construction of the Patriot Center, the three-wing, 127,500-square-foot athletic and recreation facility that will be used for classes and as a personal fitness center, is moving ahead on schedule for its proposed July 3, 2003 completion date, athletics director Howard Patterson said.

"Unless we have a terribly wet winter, there shouldn't be a problem of meeting that date," Patterson said.

For people who want to see the progress of the Patriot Center

will be the same as his salary as dean, \$93,950 during the 2001-02 year, Beverley Golden, director of news and information, told *The Patriot*.

"He was the best person selected among excellent candidates," O'Keeffe said. "It was good to have four really good people to choose from here at the university."

Clark will assist O'Keeffe on such things as graduate studies, core curriculum assessment, grants and contracts, faculty development and oversight of the UT Tyler Longview University Center and the UT Tyler Palestine campus.

He will direct the Advanced Placement Institute and assist with the Student Success Center.

Clark will maintain interaction with students in the educator preparation programs by returning to the faculty of the Department of Special Services where he will assume a half-time instructional load during the academic year overseeing principal's studies.

Clark has worked with the principal internship for two years. He will be teaching the yearlong internship.

"Graduate studies are an area

He enjoys relaxing by working in the yard and with his plants.

"Being the dean of the Psychology and Education department at UT has been the best job I've ever had. Personally and professionally it has been very satisfying," Clark said.

Clark said he enjoys looking back and seeing the steps taken and progress that has been made while he was dean.

"When I leave I want to make it a little better than when I came," Clark said.

Dr. Bill Bruce has been named the interim dean of the College of Education and Psychology to fill the vacancy left by Clark's transition.

Bruce, who earned his doctorate in education at Auburn University, serves as associate dean for educator preparation programs, a position he has held since 1998, according to information on his web site.

Bruce will serve as dean until a permanent dean is chosen by the University.

Though the interim dean was chosen from inside the University, a nationwide search will be conducted to find the new permanent dean, O'Keeffe said.

MIL CLARK



—Ross Baker/*The Patriot*

UNDER CONSTRUCTION: A worker is lifted high above the construction site of the new Patriot Center. The 127,500-square-foot building is expected to be completed in July 2003. Students can watch the progress of the construction live via an online camera feed available at the University's web site at <http://www.uttyler.edu>.

Filing period set for SGA campaigners

by Robert Boggs
Editor in chief

Students interested in running for senator positions must file an application at the Student Government Association office between Aug. 28 and Sept. 11, SGA president Stephanie Heeren said.

Applications may be picked up in University Center Room 112.

Elections will be conducted Sept. 17 and 18 to fill vacant seats for senators in the College of Education and Psychology, the College of Nursing and Health Sciences and the University Pines Apartments, Heeren said.

Senators receive a \$300 stipend.



—Ross Baker/*The Patriot*

BEHIND THE NEWS DESK: The new editors, clockwise from bottom left: Shalina Ramirez, Jeanie Carter, Robert Boggs, Joseph Elerson, Hannah Buchanan and Jennifer Murray.

Patriot names new editorial staff for fall semester

by David Rutherford
Staff writer

Robert Boggs, a junior from Gilmer, will serve as the editor in chief of *The Patriot* for the 2002-2003 school term, succeeding Melissa Tresner who graduated this past spring.

The computer science/journalism major previously served as a reporter and the entertainment page editor for the student newspaper.

He also recently had an article published in *Quill*, the magazine published by the Society of Professional Journalists.

"It's a big honor to be named editor in chief. I'm looking forward to working with the rest of the staff. We're just going to get better," Boggs said.

Boggs has won two individual awards and was part of the student

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— ROBERT BOGGS
EDITOR IN CHIEF

staff that won second place overall in last semester's Texas Intercollegiate Press Association contest.

"Robert is one of our first staff members who started here as a freshman," *Patriot* adviser Vanessa Curry said. "He has a proven track record as a leader on campus and I believe he has put together a competent staff for the

there is a live camera feed that can be accessed through the University web site on the athletics page.

The facility will consist of an academic portion, a three-story, 1,800-seat fitness center and a 2,000-seat performance facility and recreation center, with a \$21.5 million cost. A swimming pool also will be built outside of the recreation center.

"I think that the community would want to see a user friendly facility, and that the gym is comfortable, the seating is comfortable, and that the Health and Kinesiology portion should be a wonderful first class facility," Patterson said.

Patterson will be responsible for running the Patriot Center on the fitness center and the performance facility of the building, but not the academic.

Patterson said he believes that the Patriot Center will attract student athletes to attend the University, and possibly attract faculty and teachers to the school.

Intramural sports teams will have a place to play basketball and other sports.

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fall semester."

Shalina Ramirez, a junior from Winnsboro, will serve as the newspaper's associate editor.

Ramirez transferred from Paris Junior College where she worked as an editor for the student newspaper.

She previously served as the features editor for *The Patriot* and just completed a summer internship with the *Tyler Morning Telegraph*.

Both Ramirez and Boggs serve as online copy editors at Tyler's newspaper.

Other appointments for this semester include: entertainment editors, Hannah Buchanan and Jennifer Murray; sports editor, Joseph Elerson; opinion editor, Jeanie Carter; ad manager Denette Allen; and circulation manager De'Aundela Weekly.

Editorial

Returning to college to earn a degree is quickly becoming a viable necessity, and many small, local colleges are making this more accessible.

Such an opportunity should not be overlooked. The University of Texas at Tyler is one of a few colleges that provides a rural community degree with the respected name associated with a large land-grant college.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau's most recent analysis, individuals who never attended or completed college are returning from years in the workforce for degrees they hope will enable them to obtain more coveted job positions.

The bureau contends the more popular careers of the 21st century have become exceedingly reliant on reasoning skills in both math and science.

Computers have been integrated into almost every workplace, and even the simplest tasks require minimal computer literacy.

Additionally, proficiency in various languages will become more valuable as the United States increases in diversity.

Those who fear they will be

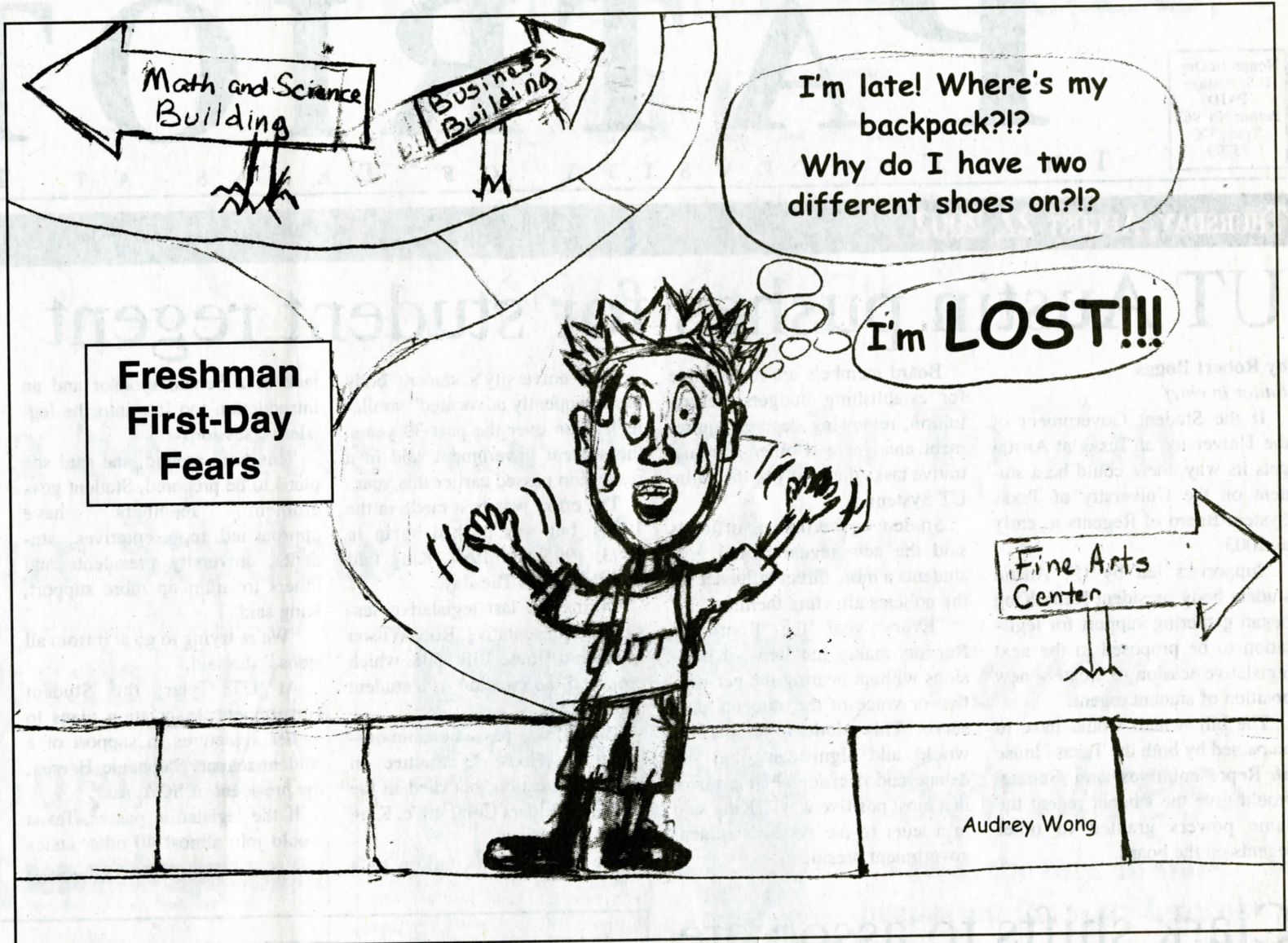
unable to compete in collegiate academia or simply unable to afford tuition may find hope with the vast amount of scholarships, loans, grants, and other forms of aid available to qualified students.

State-funded, localized campuses also provide practical schedules that allow classes to be integrated into the routines of working adults and parents.

A high school diploma was once thought to be the minimum level of education necessary to survive and possibly thrive in the United States. Now it is merely a stepping stone in the academic career and is no longer regarded with the same amount of respect it previously demanded.

It is the desire of local institutions to ultimately expand and accommodate every category of student, but ultimately doing so would require residents to take advantage of the multitude of opportunities these institutions provide.

Whether by taking a few classes or earning an entire degree, citizens should utilize local universities to benefit themselves as they invest in the futures of their communities.



Adventure awaits new students



Robert Boggs

Truth seeking

If you're like most 18-year-olds, the world revolves around you.

But if you happen to be moving into student housing, you'll quickly discover it revolves around a lot more than that.

Many students beginning their first year of college move into dormitories to be closer to their

Students have their own rooms instead of sharing with their roommates and more independence than in a dorm. But they also have the security and some guidelines of a dorm, such as restrictions on alcohol and noise levels.

Such rules can feel restrictive to some students looking to have fun on campus, but they certainly don't prevent them from enjoying their stay.

So how, then, can a fun-loving freshman enjoy his or her first year in student housing?

The first and most important step is to get to know other people on campus. Even the most mundane activity is more interesting when done with someone else.

who is a perpetual introvert.

Also try to reach an understanding about basic ground rules. These should be developed over the first few days or weeks. Decide if you'll share groceries, how to split bills and if it's okay to bring friends by the apartment late at night.

Be understanding, but also make it clear when something bothers you. This will help to prevent awkward moments when your roommate brings over five buddies from the nightclub during your weekly bible study.

And remember that just because you're roommates doesn't mean that you have to be best friends. Spend some time apart.

CAMPUS VOICE

At orientation freshmen were asked what anxieties they have concerning starting their college career.



"The size of the school and getting it over with."
Bo Beaty

school, have a place to study and just to be around other college students.

In fact, some universities require freshmen to live in the dorms.

Here, University students have a slightly different option.

University Pines, an all-student apartment complex, exists as the official student housing on campus.

But those accustomed to the college-movie stereotypes may be a little confused by its different approach to campus life.

Somewhere between a dorm and an ordinary apartment complex, UPines caters to students interested in both types.

Although many new residents seem to forget this, one of the first people you should get to know is surprisingly enough-your roommate.

Even if your roommate is an old friend, living together is often a much different experience from hanging out with Billy Joe on weekends.

When you first meet your roommate, be sure to spend some time talking to find out some very important information-a name is a good start.

Try to see if you have anything in common, and make a note of any important differences. If you're extremely outgoing, you may have to adjust to a roommate

During your time apart, enjoy friends outside your apartment. Go out to a movie, have dinner or coffee, or relive your high school days by cruising around the mall.

If your interests involve doing things on campus, consider joining a student organization. The Student Government Association, Math Club, Tri Beta, Press Club, and American Chemical Society are all very active groups that have meetings-often with free food.

Other attractions in Tyler include dance clubs, pool halls, and even a shooting range.

Plus the city attracts a number of musical and theatrical performances, so the adventurous student has no excuse to feel bored.

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The University of Texas at Tyler

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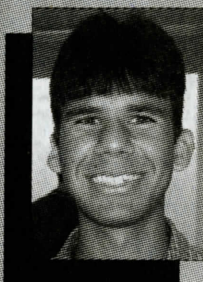
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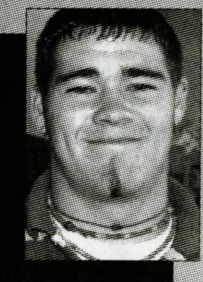
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"Not doing as good as I expect."
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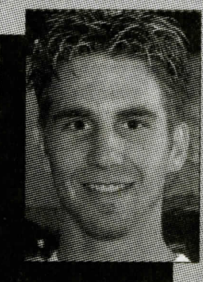
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 Brandi Raney



"I'm just ready to live on my own, but am anxious about the studying."
 Markus Hebel



"Wondering if my high school prepared me enough for college."
 Crystal Stroud



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 Jeffery Huhn



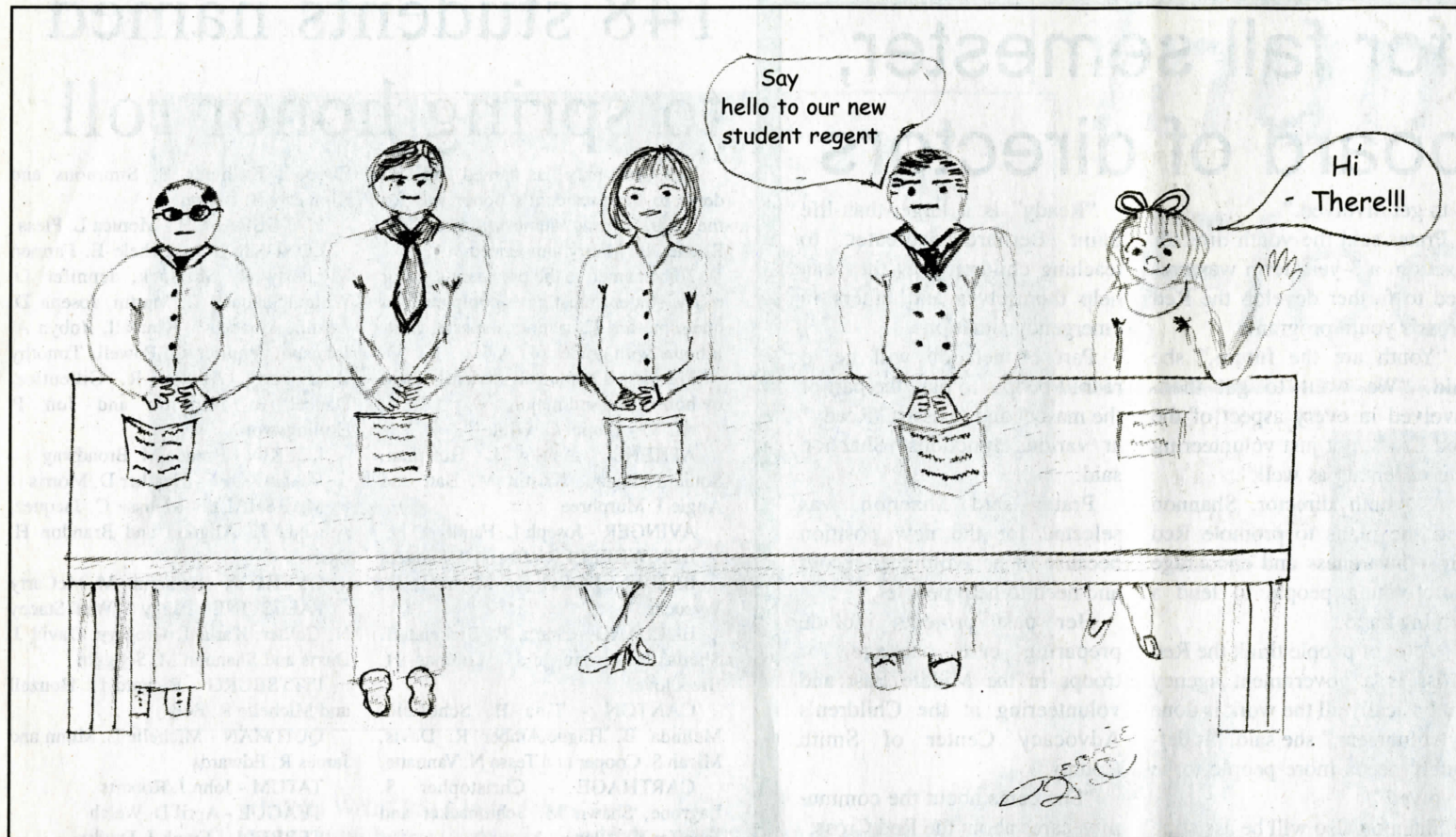
"Balancing my time for studying and time for myself."
 Amy Salazar



"Learning the area around campus. Confidence is knowing where you are."
 Jacob Cox



"Settling down and focusing on studying since I'm going to be moving from home."
 Channel Vereault



Remedy for anxiety just a phone call away

by Jeanie Carter
Staff writer

Karen is worried on the way to class about the test she is going to take in algebra, even though she knows the review well.

When she gets into class with the test in hand, there is a lump in her throat, her palms are sweaty, yet all of this stops when she really gets into the test.

Worry is a common feeling when taking a test for many students as it was for Karen.

Daniel is confident about his biology test. He studied, knows the information and is ready to get this first test over.

When Daniel looks at the first question, his mind goes blank and he gets anxious.

The more anxious he gets the less he can think. Breaking into a cold sweat, heart pounding, and unable to concentrate he knows the test is blown.

After class, he recalls all the

part of anxiety.

Imagine walking to class on a warm summer day with nothing on your mind and suddenly jerked to a halt by the loud pounding of your heart beating in your chest, not being able to catch your breath, feeling weak, or faint and wondering if you are having a heart attack.

This is a spontaneous panic attack due to anxiety for which there is no apparent reason.

A panic attack is a startling gush of overpowering fear that comes without warning and without any understandable reason.

A panic attack is far more intense than the feeling of being stressed out.

Panic attacks can start because of a "trigger" such as driving in crowds, being in a crowded room, waiting in line to register for classes, or giving a speech in front of the class.

My "trigger" is driving over bridges. I have extreme panic for

More than 19 million Americans will suffer an anxiety disorder each year, and one-third of them will not seek treatment, according to a story in *The Record* of Bergen County, N.J.

Anxiety disorders are the most common of all the mental disorders, according to the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

Anxiety can be a condition in itself (primary anxiety) or can accompany depression, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic disorder, social phobia, generalized anxiety disorder or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Anxiety has three major ways it affects you.

There is physical, such as a racing heart, sweating, confusion, dry mouth, butterflies in the stomach and hyperventilation.

There are emotional responses revealed by irritability, lack of concentration, excessive worry,

There are ways to help if you feel you are having too much anxiety. The Student Counseling Center located at UC 111 is available as a starting place.

Students can take advantage of their services with no fee and all visits are completely confidential. No information goes on your permanent records. They can't even tell your teachers you have come to visit.

"We have a test students can take on the computer and it will give us a percentile on anxiety," Livingston said. "We can also teach relaxation techniques and help with study skills."

Kim Livingston and Ida MacDonald are both licensed professional counselors at the center. To reach either of them phone 566-7079 for an appointment.

You also can ask your medical doctor if you believe you have a lot of anxiety.

There are medications that can

Editorial

The proposal to place a student on the University of Texas Board of Regents is a step in the right direction—but it's still just a step.

The positive elements of the University of Texas at Austin's student government proposal are simple and direct: a student regent would lend a student perspective to board meetings and be a voice for the people the decisions affect most.

In addition, the student regent would personally benefit from the experience in legislation and interacting with business and government leaders. If pursuing a political career, what position could look better on a resume?

And according to the student government in Austin, almost 40 other states already have students on public university governing boards.

Yet the devil is most certainly in the details.

The original Texas House bill, which died in the House Calendars Committee during the last legislative session, called for the student government of each campus to select the three best applicants from its school to forward on to the next step in the selection process: the University of Texas System Student Advisory Council.

From there, the council would recommend three applicants to the UT chancellor, who would give his recommendation to the governor to be appointed and confirmed by the state Senate.

Allowing students to make the initial decisions of which applicants to recommend is a good move—but precedents reveal a problem.

In several states, including

Kansas and Nebraska, the student representatives to some university governing boards are automatically student government presidents.

Even where it's not required, student body leaders are the most likely pick for regent positions.

This creates the potential for an application committee that chooses from its own members, making it difficult for those outside of student government to be selected.

Regardless of who is appointed, a student regent would be a single voice in a board driven by powerful business and government leaders, including gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez—an intimidating situation for many students.

A less threatening option may be to push for a student committee with one student from each school. Only the committee's chair would act as a voting member on the Board of Regents, but would have the advice and support of students from each of the nine UT components.

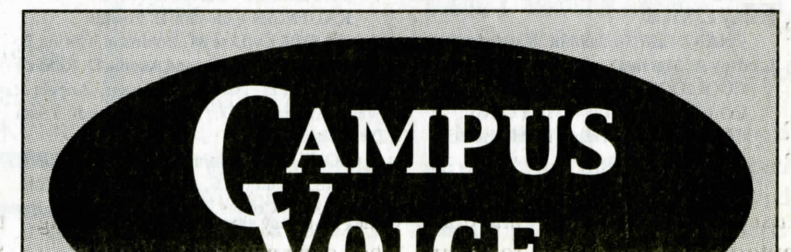
Which is exactly what students should want—their voices guiding the decisions of their leaders.

Behind the specifics of the proposal is the promise of an increased student voice in the way our system is run.

It means a touch of reality for regents who could no longer make important decisions without looking a single student in the eye.

And it makes the regents more accountable by placing a student to report back directly to his or her peers.

When all is said and done, the input the students gain may be small indeed—but it's impossible to deny that a quiet voice is far better than remaining mute.



information he couldn't get down on paper and feels miserable because he knew the answers for the test.

Whereas Karen had normal anxiety over taking a test, Daniel experienced what is known as test anxiety.

Everyone has anxiety at different times in their life – it helps us achieve.

It makes us study harder for tests, and keeps us geared up when making a speech.

Yet anxiety can run the spectrum from mild like Karen's, to a full-blown panic attack or an actual medical condition that is

no reason.

All the windows come down and I unlock all the doors and wrap my purse over my arm so I won't lose it.

I know it is irrational, if I went over the bridge I would probably be knocked out anyway, but it still causes an intense fear, sweating-palms, and a white-knuckled grip on the steering wheel.

Studies have shown that one out of every 75 people will experience a panic attack at one time in their lives.

Women have panic attacks twice as much as men do, according to HealingWell.com.

anger, depression, feelings of doom/gloom, and feelings of fear.

In addition, there are cognitive thoughts like "I can't do it," "people are looking," "what if I make a fool of myself," "I can't breathe" and "I'm trapped."

Anxieties facing freshmen surveyed at orientation were fitting in and meeting new people, getting adjusted to college life and finding classes and managing time for themselves and study.

Parents had anxiety for freshmen too. Their major concerns were safety, their freshmen focusing on studies, and adjusting to college life.

help general anxiety and panic attacks.

There is even a medication called a beta-blocker, which calms anxiety without taking away from a performance such as music or in public speaking.

Don't put yourself through the physical and mental pains of what is a medical problem. It is much better to ask for help and live a life with relief from the frustrating symptoms of anxiety.

To read information about anxieties there are some good web sites such as: anxieties.com, healingwell.com/anxiety, or anxiety.mentalhelp.net.

Change moves life forward into many new wonders

by Jennifer Burford

Contributing writer

"Just when the caterpillar thought the world was over, it became a butterfly." —Anonymous

A Canadian neurosurgeon discovered some dramatic truths about the way the human mind reacts to change.

His various experiments proved that when a person is forced to change something considered concrete or fundamental to them, the brain undergoes a series of nervous sensations equivalent to distressing torture.

Many of us can agree significant changes in our lives produce a great deal of emotional, mental, and physical stress.

Life, in general, is full of changes, some small and seemingly insignificant, others big and transitional in nature.

As a college freshman, I experienced many changes in my life.

Each day I am surprised at the differences I see in my personality, habit attitude, and patterns of thinking that are results of this major transition.

This must be true for other students as well.

We are all similar to the caterpillar in that we are each beginning a new stage in life after having to close the book on a comfortable and safe lifestyle.

I can vividly recall the sentiment felt the night of graduation sitting with my fellow classmates

of 12 years, the class of '99, gazing straight ahead into the faces of the community where I grew up and the eyes of my family and friends who raised me.

There was no question that night was a point of transition.

I also have not forgotten the way my words caught in my throat as I told my daddy goodbye on the day I moved out of my house.

I had spent the week before preparing and packing up all my stuff with pure excitement but when the time came to ultimately leave my cozy, personalized little bedroom and transfer into my strange, bare-walled, cold apartment here in Tyler the excitement wore off in time enough for reality to hit me in the face like a cold wind.

I was taking a big step to being on my own.

Now these things are all a part on the new experiences of being a new college student, but the most significant changes are the ones that happen within you.

As much as your role, environment, and circumstances do change, your personal development will prove to be the greatest transformation.

It is important to understand what is crisis for some, is opportunity for advancement to others.

Growth always can be the result.

Change is not something that should be avoided or feared, but

rather welcomed.

Without change, nothing in this world would ever grow or blossom.

No one would ever advance or prosper. It would be impossible for you to move forward and become the person you want to be.

As young adults, people begin taking new directions and breaking out in ventures of their own.

In many cases this often means letting go of people, relationships, and/or opportunities in order to progress.

I saw this happen around me: In the new friends I made, in the distance that grew between me and some of my oldest and most treasured friends; our lives are changed, took on new paths.

As we each, individually, continue to forge into the unknown future, the fear our paths may never cross again becomes a little too real.

Despite the sadness and pain that accompanies many changes, we find ourselves stronger and more complex individuals than we were originally.

Just as the caterpillar becomes something greater in the end, so can we.

The struggles of growing up and making mature choices about our lives sometimes seem unbearable.

At the risk of sounding "cliché-ish," adversity does make us stronger.

Ron Lee Davis once said, "In

this life we will encounter hurts and trials that we will not be able to change; we are just going to have to allow them to change us."

We must conquer our devastation and pain with the choice to increase our strength and our character.

If you are like me, you are thinking that all of this is sound advice, yet it is much easier said than done.

When life seems to be "happening to you" with deadlines and tests approaching while one of your best friends is deciding to transfer to another school as you and your boyfriend are breaking up the last thought in your mind is of abounding joy.

Once you decide to grow from the changes in your life, it is very hard to "open your wings."

It takes courage to become something new, even if it is in the pursuit of a better disposition.

We are in a time where relationships and situations are constantly changing.

We have a choice in our response.

The toughest thing to change is our approach to change.

It is time for a mind transfusion, one that welcomes the onset of change.

We need to take a lesson from the caterpillar and butterfly, always welcoming change with a positive attitude and respond to it beautifully.

"Do you believe it is a good idea to have a student on the board of regents?"



"I guess it wouldn't be a bad idea, if it's a student. A student knows more about what students want."
Chris Roberts, junior, marketing



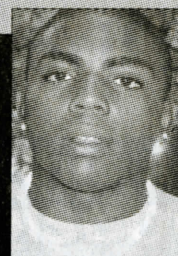
"One student's opinion would be overshadowed by the board. The board is looking at business, while the student is looking at education. What might be in our best interest would be to nominate a professor."
Barbara Hayward, senior, speech



"That sounds like a good idea."
Isacc Martinez, freshman, English



"I think it is a good idea to have a student. The students are actually attending the school and know what they want and what they need."
Karen Cross, junior, business



"I guess that would be okay."
Dazz Garner, freshman, computer science



"I think it would be good to have a student on the board just to have someone in our situation."
Susan Earl, freshman, biology

New student preps for fall semester, role on Red Cross board of directors

by **SHALINA RAMIREZ**
Associate Editor

Like other incoming scholars, Whitney Shannon has been busy attending orientation, making numerous trips to the financial aid office and filing a degree plan.

But she also has spent countless hours preparing for a new role in her life.

Shannon, a University freshman, is the latest addition to the American Red Cross's Board of Directors in Smith County.

She will serve as youth director, a seat developed by the organization earlier this year.

Whitney will be the first person to serve in this position, Tammy Prater, chapter executive director, said.

"It's pretty cool," said Shannon, a Robert E. Lee High

School graduate. "I'm looking forward to it."

The American Red Cross provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies.

Shannon said her duties will include serving on various committees, overseeing volunteers and gathering support for the local chapter, which provides services for Smith, Henderson, Cherokee and Wood Counties.

"I've always liked volunteering," she said. "I've been doing it since I was 13. It's very rewarding and a good opportunity to get involved."



Whitney Shannon

ty to get involved."

Prater said the youth director position, a 3-year term was created to further develop the Red Cross's youth program.

"Youth are the future," she said. "We want to get them involved in every aspect of the Red Cross, not just volunteering but leadership as well."

As youth director, Shannon said she plans to promote Red Cross awareness and encourage more young people to lend a helping hand.

"A lot of people think the Red Cross is a government agency but basically all the work is done by volunteers," she said. "It definitely needs more people to be involved."

Shannon also will be assisting the chapter's official mascot, "Ready."

"Ready" is a larger-than-life Saint Bernard dedicated to teaching children how they can help themselves and others in emergency situations.

Part of her job will be to recruit people to play the part of the mascot and to assist "Ready" at various functions, Shannon said.

Prater said Shannon was selected for the new position because of her volunteer record and need to help people.

Her past projects include preparing care package for troops in the Middle East and volunteering at the Children's Advocacy Center of Smith County.

"She cares about the community, cares about the Red Cross," Prater said. "She's sweet and really gets involved."

148 students named to spring honor roll

The University has named 148 students to the president's honor roll for the 2002 spring semester, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

To be named to the president's honor roll, a student must have completed, in one semester, 12 or more semester credit hours with grades of "A."

President's honor roll students, listed by hometown and major, are:

ALTO - Daniel C. White

ATHENS - Ashley L. Huffman, Sonia Reimann, Kristin M. Batt and Angie J. Murphree

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David A. Dunham, Summer J.

Ferguson, Justin R. Hanner, Amy E.

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L. Cook

YANTIS - Steven C. Reynolds

University announces dean's list for spring semester

The University has named 180 students to the dean's list for the 2002 spring semester, President Rodney H. Mabry announced.

To be named to the dean's list, a student must have completed at least nine semester credit hours at the University with a grade point average of 3.75 or above.

Dean's list students, listed by hometown are:

ARP - Melissa G. Tresner

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Brian Zednick

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Margarita T. Collins, Dana K. Hester, Jennifer

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White, James C. Barry, Cynthia R. Thompson,

Gregg A. Kirby, Letitia L. Murdoch, Peggy L.

Sadler, Charissa M. Tinney, Joe V. Tolleson,

Ronald S. Meissner, Christine A. Mick,

Patrick A. Jones, Linsey B. Funderburk,

LaTonya T. Stinson and Sonya M. Hill

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B. Neel

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Shellie R. Anderson

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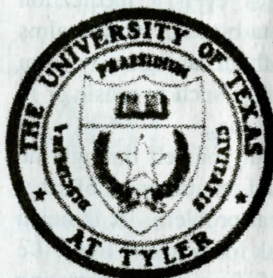
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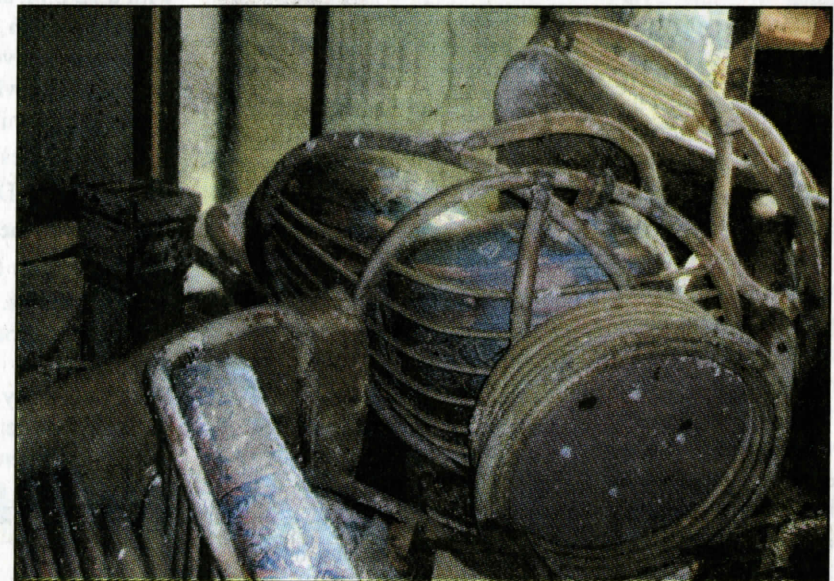
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Inundated by Floodwaters



—Courtesy Photos

RISING WATERS: Linda Johns' two-story rental house, above, is engulfed in water. At one point, the water levels, right, rose as high as the second story windows.



—Courtesy Photo

WATER DAMAGE: Wet furniture litters the home of Linda Johns. The Johns were not able to remove all of their belongs before the flood.

Dean lends helping hand during cleanup

by SHALINA RAMIREZ
Associate Editor

Entering the front door of her sister's home in Horseshoe Falls, Donna Dickerson couldn't believe her eyes. Mud, wet insulation, ruined furnishings and muck covered every inch of space.

"I knew it was raining there," Dickerson, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, said. "But I didn't expect anything like this."

Neither did her sister, Linda Johns, whose home was submerged in more than 35 feet of water, in July, when torrential rain

Minnesota, she said.

The group moved items off the floor to higher ground and removed valuables from the home as well as financial papers.

"We spent the day getting out all of the irreplaceable stuff that no one would want to lose," Dickerson said.

"My mother painted a great deal, so we got out all of her oil paintings — stuff that has



"People don't realize how powerful water is. To this day, my sister is still trying to clean and store stuff."

— DONNA DICKERSON
DEAN OF THE COLLEGE OF
ARTS AND SCIENCES

Dickerson said she, her sister still hear the roar," Dickerson said.

spent at the Johns' real estate office.

"The office had electricity but it didn't have water," Dickerson said. "People were bringing us gallons of water to drink and to flush the toilet."

She said generous friends of her sister provided the group with hot meals, sandwiches, water and even washed a load of laundry.

AFTERMATH

flooded by water.

"It was dangerous," Dickerson said. "We had to wear knee boots and rubber gloves."

"Mosquitoes were terrible. Snakes were everywhere trying to find a dry place."

The American Red Cross distributed cleaning supplies, food, water and other items.

"The volunteers were a real God send," Dickerson said.

Volunteers also helped people salvage what they could of their homes, such as doorknobs and other hardware, in case residents

caused severe flooding in South Texas.

"No one thought that the area where my sister lives would flood," Dickerson said.

She said experts believed the area had a 1 percent chance of flooding during a 500 year period.

"No one had insurance," Dickerson said. "It wouldn't make any sense for those people to have insurance any more than it would for the people of Tyler."

Dickerson planned on spending an extended Fourth of July weekend with family, but had received a call from Johns with news of an evacuation in Horseshoe Falls.

The sheriff was vacating the area, not because of fear homes would flood, but because of concerns the roads would be closed off, she said. No one in the area would be able to get in or out.

"I left immediately," Dickerson said.

After a five-hour drive, she joined her sister and other volunteers in efforts to protect Johns' home in case water levels continued to rise. Johns' husband was in

special meaning. They also were working at their mother's house down the street, she said. Her mother was in the care of a New Braunfels nursing home.

ROAR OF WATER

Dickerson said their main concern was a spillway, located just blocks from her sister's home.

The spillway, part of Canyon Lake, expels excess water from the lake when it reaches high levels, she said.

"Usually it's just a trickle of water," Dickerson said.

But because of the amounts of rainwater flowing into the lake from creeks throughout the county, the lake was releasing more water through the spillway than normal. Instead of flowing into the Guadalupe River, the water from the spillway flowed toward residential areas.

"The water was backing up instead of going down the river," she said. "My sister's house was three blocks from the spillway. It sounded like you were standing under water falls."

and friends spent 2 1/2 hours loading three vehicles with as much furnishings as possible.

"During those two hours, the water had risen 12 to 15 feet," she said. "By the time we had finished it was four feet below deck at the back of the house. Normally, the water would be 20 feet below deck. It wasn't rushing up but the levels were gradually coming up."

The group spent the night at Johns' real estate business near New Braunfels, located on U.S. Highway 306.

Despite moving to a new location, Dickerson said they could still hear the "terrible roar" of the spillway.

Around 4 a.m. July 5, Dickerson said her sister awakened her.

"The roar was getting louder and we needed to get to higher ground," she said.

Packed in two cars and a van, the crew drove up the side of a mountain and waited for several hours.

"We were a mile and a half away from the office and could

FORCE OF NATURE

After several hours, the group drove back to Horseshoe Falls.

"The spillway had widened by about 50 feet," she said. "Water pouring out of it. The water had literally gouged a new river from the spillway to the Guadalupe River."

The first thing they saw when they approached the house was the tip of the chimney.

Water had risen above the roof, Dickerson said, leaving only about a foot of the bricks.

"No one ever believed the water would get that high," she said. "There wasn't much we could do. We spent the rest of July 5th trying to preserve mother's house."

The group lined doors and the garage door with plastic.

"We were trying to keep the water back that was inching slowly up the driveway," Dickerson said.

"If the water had risen two more feet, it would have gotten inside," she said. "But thankfully it didn't."

The next several days were

By July 8, water levels had receded enough for Johns to start the cleanup process, which began in the garage.

"Cousins of ours from Dallas came down to help and worked three straight days cleaning up mud and clearing a shed to store stuff," Dickerson said.

The interior of the house was covered in muck and mud five inches deep.

Insulation and wall boards were hanging from the ceiling and walls.

From the living room, you could see straight up into the attic, she said.

Wet books littered one room and a bookcase laid in pieces on the floor.

A 20-inch television with stand had been swept 15 feet from its position and placed on top of a kitchen counter.

"People don't realize now powerful water is," Dickerson said. "To this day, my sister is still trying to clean and store stuff."

She said she can still remember the smell from the septic systems

decided to rebuild, she said. "No one had flood insurance," Dickerson said. "Most lost all they had. When you've got a \$100,000 mortgage on a house that's underwater, it's devastating emotionally as well as financially."

Her sister lost two houses in the flood, she said. Besides her own home which was built in 1975, Johns owned a rental home that was submerged in water up to its second floor window.

"Besides mother, Linda's house was the family's second home," Dickerson said. "It was always very warm and comfortable. She put lots of love into that house, remodeling it and keeping it up over the years."

Dickerson, who returned to Tyler on July 12, said both homes will be demolished in September.

Her sister is currently living in their mother's house with her husband.

"They're very lucky, lots of people didn't have a home to return to," Dickerson said. "They're just taking one day at a time."

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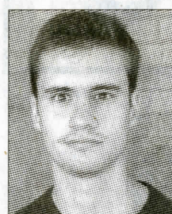
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Canceled scrimmage increases excitement for inaugural season



Joe's Sports Spotlight

Joe Elerson

Excitement is in the air for the Patriots.

History will be in the making in eight days for its first match on the road against UT-Dallas. The first home match isn't until Labor Day.

You see, the Patriots were supposed to get their first taste of action on Aug. 20. But the match cancelled and the University endured its first roadblock.

The University was scheduled to face Cedar Valley Community College, but a shortage of players from Cedar Valley resulted in the scrimmage session being called off.

So the fans will have to wait two weeks to see the team take the field, but the excitement should be much higher.

Even though the team is not in conference play yet, and its only a trial season for them to get their feet wet in collegiate competition with NCAA Division III, Coach Jodi Lovell is prepared to start the 2002 season.

Now the Patriots have to wait until Aug. 30 to face a team that Coach Lovell believes will be a tough competitor for them in UT-Dallas.

The great thing about this team is that Coach Lovell has the experience in NCAA Division III play with McMurry University

ed to take on the challenge of making a competitive team with the Patriots.

"I know we have the talent on the forward, defensive, and mid-field lines this season," Lovell said.

The team only had 10 players show up for the first day of practice, but gained enough players to field the team for the scrimmage with 11 players.

Coach Lovell said she is still optimistic for the team even with the struggle of finding players for the 2002 season.

"I think we can get five or six more players on the team once school starts," she said.

But as most sports fans believe is that an expansion team will have a tough time starting out and may not have a successful season in either intercollegiate play or professional play, but emotions are strong with everyone in the athletics office for the season.

If most expansion teams can get at least four or five wins in a season, the majority of sports fans believe the team had a successful season just starting out, but the women's soccer team looks strong.

Now there may be times the team will look a little sporadic since they haven't played as a team on the collegiate level, but everything is looking up even though the cancellation occurred and the team has to wait for action on the field.

Coach Lovell has the knowledge and the experience to bring this team to the top of the ASC in the upcoming seasons, and the Patriot's will be a force to be reckoned with for student ath-

Lady Patriot roster still growing

by Joe Elerson
Sports Editor

The University of Texas at Tyler women's soccer team will make history when the team takes the field Aug. 30 against their sister school, UT-Dallas in Dallas.

But for soccer fans, the first home game for the Patriots will not be until Sept. 2, two weeks later, against Hendrix College with a 12 p.m. start.

Head Coach Jodi Lovell will guide the University team this season, along with assistant coach Amanda Suriani.

Lovell comes to the University from NCAA Div. III McMurry University, where she served as assistant coach for the men's and women's teams.

She also coached at Hardin-Simmons and Southwest Texas State University, and now takes on the task for the Patriots first ever women's soccer team.

Lovell said she is looking forward to the first season of Patriot soccer and is ready to see what the season brings for the University.

"Our expectations are very high," Lovell said. "I know for sure we will have the group of girls to work hard and to build talent."

Coach Lovell has 11 players, but said once school starts she thinks that five or six more players may join the team.

The Patriot soccer team will play 17 games this season, but Lovell said she takes particular interest in University of Texas-Dallas, St. Edwards, and Mississippi College.

"UT-Dallas started out just like

we did on a probationary status, and they have good talent," Lovell said.

"St. Edwards is a Division II school so I think they would be a challenge for us. Also, Mississippi College has good talent."

Fans will see many different formations on the field this season, with either more offense or defense in game situations, she said.

"Depending on what we are up against we might play more of a defensive style, loading more defenders and defensive midfielders in the back," Lovell said. "With teams that I know we can go hard at we are going to throw three up front, more offense up top, and let the offense move the ball down the field."

Lovell said she knows she will have players who will have the talent to want to play on a colle-

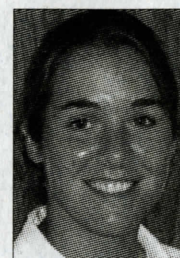
giate level and to develop their soccer skills.

"We've got the talent on the defensive line, midfield line, and forward line this season," Lovell said.

She said she hopes the team will be a close-knit squad on and off the field. She also said she wants team members to build a solid foundation, which will last for many years to come, Lovell said.

"I've been blessed beyond belief, she said. "These girls will be starting the yells and the chants that we will do on the field, and they will also put their fingerprint on the program for future athletes."

Any female student interested in playing on the Patriot soccer team, may contact Lovell at 565-5980 or e-mail at jlovell@uttyler.edu for more information.



JODI LOVELL,
PATRIOT SOCCER

Time for a battle



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Men's soccer signs 32 players for first season

by Joe Elerson
Sports Editor

With 45 players trying out for the men's soccer team, Head Coach Kenny Jones gets ready to make the final cut to 32 players to go against his alma mater in Hendrix College Sept. 2 in the first game of the season.

While at Hendrix College, Jones led the team in scoring his first year and was a three-time selection to the All-Conference Team.

He was honored as the college's Most Outstanding Male Athlete following his senior season.

Jones joins the University of Texas at Tyler soccer team after coaching three years at the University of Dallas.

He serves as the men's head soccer coach and assistant head coach for the women's team.

Tracy Griffin will be one of the assistant coaches this season, and will also help the women's team as much as possible.

Now the tide turns to beginning the tradition of the University men's soccer team, Jones is ready to take on the challenge with his players.

"I think it is a huge privilege," he said. "They want to start and be a part of the tradition. I will definitely make sure that we have the

leadership for the school."

Jones said he knows when the season begins; University of Texas-Dallas and St. Edwards will be two teams that may be a challenge for the Patriots.

"UT-Dallas has a really strong squad and have been on probation for a while but are now in the conference and St. Edwards plays out of Div. II and will be a challenge for us this season," he said.

The Patriots play UT-Dallas Oct. 16 in Dallas, and St. Edwards on the very last game of the season Nov. 2 in Austin.

The University will play 11 of 19 games on the road during this first season, a schedule that could affect the team.

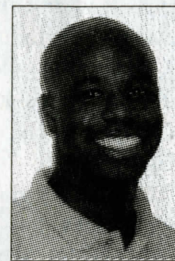
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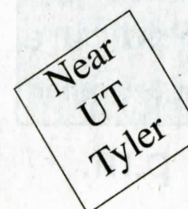
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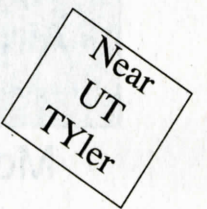
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and Hardin-Simmons. She said she also is very excited that may not know the University.

BALL FIGHT: Dustin Williams (right) and Barrett Browning (left) fight for the ball during Aug. 15 practice at the University's soccer field.

—Joe Elerson/The Patriot

**Texas at Tyler
(soccer)**

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Men's soccer signs 32 players for first season

by Joe Elerson
Sports Editor

With 45 players trying out for the men's soccer team, Head Coach Kenny Jones gets ready to make the final cut to 32 players to go against his alma mater in Hendrix College Sept. 2 in the first game of the season.

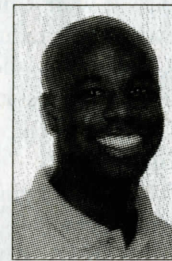
While at Hendrix College, Jones led the team in scoring his first year and was a three-time selection to the All-Conference Team.

He was honored as the college's Most Outstanding Male Athlete following his senior season.

Jones joins the University of Texas at Tyler soccer team after coaching three years at the University of Dallas.

He serves as the men's head soccer coach and assistant head coach for the women's team.

Tracy Griffin will be one of the assistant coaches this season, and will also help the women's team as much as possible.



**KENNY JONES,
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Now the tide turns to beginning the tradition of the University men's soccer team, Jones is ready to take on the challenge with his players.

"I think it is a huge privilege," he said. "They want to start and be a part of the tradition. I will definitely make sure that we have the

leadership for the school."

Jones said he knows when the season begins; University of Texas-Dallas and St. Edwards will be two teams that may be a challenge for the Patriots.

"UT-Dallas has a really strong squad and have been on probation for a while but are now in the conference and St. Edwards plays out of Div. II and will be a challenge for us this season," he said.

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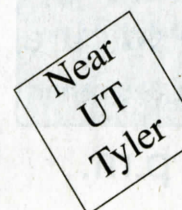
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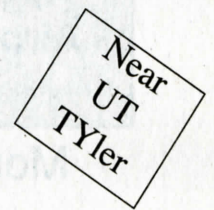
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University joins 15 teams in NCAA Division III grouping.

by Joe Elerson
Sports Editor

In August of 2003, the American Southwest Conference gains one more school with the University of Texas at Tyler to put the conference at 16 schools.

"It was a pretty logical selection. The schools within the ASC, with the exception of three institutions, comprise all of the NCAA Division III schools within the State of Texas, and in the surrounding states of Louisiana and Arkansas," Athletics Director Howard Patterson said.

ASC institutions provide student athletes throughout the region with the opportunity to compete at the highest level of Division III athletics while also giving these students the opportunity to earn an education in a challenging academic setting, according to the ASC website.

The University will join eight other schools as Mississippi College, University of Texas-Dallas, Louisiana College, East Texas Baptist University, LeTourneau University, Austin College and University of the Ozarks round out the east division.

Also, in the West Division there will be Texas Lutheran University, Hardin Simmons University, McMurry University, Howard Payne University and Sul Ross State University.

Schreiner University, University of Mary Hardin-Baylor and Concordia University at Austin, round out the West Division of the ASC.

The University still has to take part in a membership lottery and gain acceptance into the ASC in August of 2003 to begin a provisional four-year membership in NCAA division III play.

"In June of 2003, we will find out when our membership will start," Patterson said. "That process is simply a way for us to get into full compliance with NCAA Division III rules."

The membership lottery also will come into play in June of 2003, but the University may not start play right away.

"The schools that are eligible and have applied for Division III membership are put into a membership lottery and they will be picked out in groups of six," Patterson said. "The first six will start play in 2003, second six will

start in 2004, and so on until all of the schools have been placed in a starting year."

With the growth of the University intercollegiate athletics, students will have more than just tennis to witness this season.

The intercollegiate athletics department will go from two to eight teams with the addition of golf, soccer and cross country.

By fall 2003, the Patriots will extend to 12 teams with the addition of basketball, volleyball, and baseball.

In 2004, softball will be the final sport added to the University roster.

"I would think that the University's intercollegiate athletic program would become one of the top Division III programs in the Southwest simply because of the academic opportunities for students," Patterson said.

The coaches are not only looking for athletes but also for well-educated students during their sports career at the University, he said.

"All the makings are there for someone who wants to get a quality education while pursuing an intercollegiate athletic career," Patterson said. "I think we will be a good choice for them."

Men's Fall Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Sept. 2	Hendrix College	Home	2 p.m.
Sept. 5	Letourneau University	Longview	7 p.m.
Sept. 7	Mississippi College	Clinton	4 p.m.
Sept. 10	Dallas Baptist	Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 13	McMurry College	Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 15	Austin College	Sherman	4 p.m.
Sept. 17	Ouachita Baptist	Home	2 p.m.
Sept. 21	Concordia University	Home	5 p.m.
Sept. 22	University of Dallas	Home	3 p.m.
Sept. 25	Texas Wesleyan	Ft. Worth	3 p.m.
Oct. 1	East Texas Baptist	Marshall	5 p.m.
Oct. 4	Dallas Baptist	Dallas	6 p.m.
Oct. 6	UT-Dallas	Dallas	4 p.m.
Oct. 12	Mary Hardin Baylor	Home	2 p.m.
Oct. 16	UT Dallas	Dallas	6 p.m.
Oct. 23	Texas Wesleyan	Home	3 p.m.
Oct. 26	Northwood University	Dallas	3 p.m.
Nov. 1	Concordia University	Austin	3 p.m.
Nov. 2	St. Edwards University	Austin	3 p.m.

Women's Fall Soccer Schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 30	UT Dallas	UT Dallas	6 p.m.
Sept. 1	University of Loyola	Centenary	10 a.m.
Sept. 2	Hendrix College	Home	12 p.m.
Sept. 5	Letourneau University	Longview	5 p.m.
Sept. 7	Mississippi College	Clinton, MS	2 p.m.
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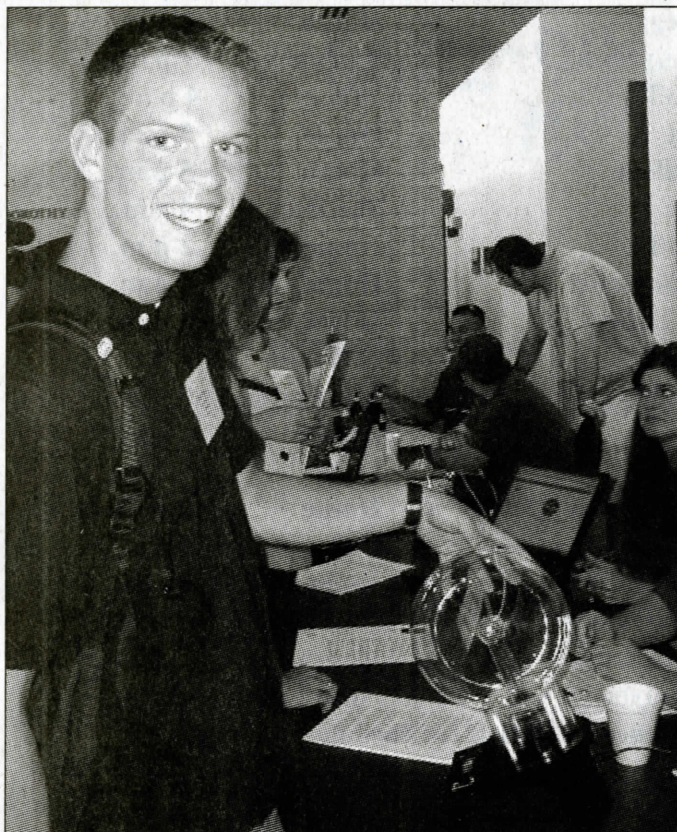
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New orientation



—Jeanie Carter/The Patriot

SHOCKING NEWS: Freshman Tony Rizzo touches a static electricity ball while visiting the information fair during freshmen orientation July 25 in the lobby of the R. Don Cowan Fine Arts and Performing Center.

REGENT

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that already have students on public university governing boards, King said.

Not all student members on these governing boards are voting members. Some states, including Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska, have students who serve as non-voting advisers, influencing regents by dialogue but not directly voting on decisions.

The University of Nebraska Board of Regents has four nonvoting student regents who serve during their term as student government president of each of the system's four institutions. Texas would only have one regent under the bill, but he or she would be able to vote on all matters.

Of the four states bordering Texas, only Louisiana has a voting student regent. New Mexico has a nonvoting student; Oklahoma and Arkansas do not have students on their governing boards.

States such as California, North Carolina, Illinois and Virginia have voting student regents, King said.

If the bill passed, the regent would be chosen through a selective application process, King said.

Following the process described in H.B. 3508, any interested students at each of the nine UT schools would fill out identical applications and submit them to the student government, which would select three candidates.

The students' names and schools would be removed from the applications before being sent to the University of Texas Student Advisory Council for screening, according to information sent by the UT Austin student government.

The council would select three candidates from all applications received and forward their applications to the chancellor of the UT System.

The chancellor would recommend a candidate to the governor to be appointed and then confirmed by the Texas Senate. By law, all regents must be appointed and confirmed by a two-thirds vote in the Senate.

The confirmed regent, who must be enrolled as an undergraduate or graduate student in the system, would serve a two-year term beginning Sept. 1 of each odd-numbered year.

Regents could not be chosen

from the same school for consecutive terms.

"The anonymity of the selection process ensures that no single university has an advantage or disadvantage in placing their student as the regent. The student chosen for the board will be the best applicant, regardless of where they attend school," UT Austin's student government officers said in an information packet given to each school.

King was uncertain what compensation student regents would receive, though University President Rodney H. Mabry said he would expect the regent's school would pay for air travel to board meetings.

In California, the student regent is reimbursed for all costs of attending meetings. In addition, mandatory student fees and tuition are waived during the regent's term, according to The Regents of the University of California web site.

Fielding other questions, King and other officers also addressed concerns that regents' issues were too complex for a student.

"Undoubtedly more experi-

enced regents understand the complexity involved in governing a university system. However, each regent brings a certain expertise and adds a unique dimension that is worthwhile," the officers said in a memo.

"One can look around the nation to the success that the other board of regents have with a student representative. There has never been an example of dissatisfaction towards a student regent, only overwhelming satisfaction."

Judy Garza, Secretary to the Arizona Board of Regents, said the effectiveness of student regents varies with the person.

"Some are more knowledgeable and politically astute and work better on this level. For some, it is mainly a learning experience. It can be an extraordinary education for a student who wishes to work in any field where interaction with business or government leaders is important," Garza told *The Patriot*.

"But regents are respectful of the input they receive from student regents," she said.

Watch for updates and local perspectives in future issues of The Patriot.

DIRECTOR

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as director of the Longview University Center. One of her primary responsibilities is to communicate with the public and to generate goodwill and moral support for the center in addition to managing the administrative affairs of the Longview University Center," Jere Ruff, president of the UT Tyler Longview University Council, said.

Prior to becoming a member of UT Tyler, Lampton served as a senior auditor and coordinator of compliance at the UT System for more than a year. She also was controller for Austin Community College. In her position at ACC,

she supervised 50 employees and initiated some of the changes that improved the college's accounting processes.

Lampton's background blends both administrative and 10 years educational experience. She teaches financial and managerial accounting at Concordia University in Austin.

Having begun her professional career in education, Lampton said she is eager to get back into the academic arena in a position that will allow her to blend all of her skills.

"I am looking forward to this leadership opportunity at this stage in my career. It's very exciting to

provide educational opportunities for students. I look forward to working with everyone at the LUC," Lampton said.

As director of the LUC, Lampton will be responsible for managing the day-to-day operations of the 2-year-old facility, which offers 10 degree-completion programs.

The LUC also is nearing completion on a new 85-space parking lot, which is scheduled to be finished within two weeks.

In addition, the University is working on an agreement with a contractor to make two monument signs, one on each side of the entrance to the campus.

CENTER

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"Student activities and intramurals will also be played in that facility; along with hosting concerts and convocations during the year," Patterson said.

Men's and women's intercollegiate basketball and volleyball teams will start play in 2003 in the Jim and Vaughn Vess fitness center.

"The Patriot Center is one of

several buildings that are either under construction or will be under construction that will more clearly define or broaden the definition of what the University of Texas at Tyler is all about," Patterson said.

In other construction news, work began in May on the College of Nursing and Health Sciences Building Like the Patriot Center, the building is scheduled for completion in July 2003.

See the men's and women's soccer team game schedules on page 7

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Social darwinism, strategy in reality television amazes viewer

By Thomas Kearnes

Staff writer

When we last left the inhabitants of "Big Brother 3," buff and brainy Roddy had put Southern belle Amy, who talks a lot and drinks even more, up for eviction from the house. Her best pal Marcellas, the gay, black fashion stylist from Chicago, joined her on the chopping block. Marcellas, however, plots with the breast-implemented mother of two and the 24-year-old virgin to evict Roddy at the next round of elimination after Amy's certain removal from the game.

My love affair with reality television much resembled a blind date. After weeks of resisting the pull of the first season of "Survivor," my friend finally convinced me to give it a try. It was

more captivating than any soap opera, she claimed, and unlike the soaps, you knew when it was going to end.

I immediately latched onto the players' schemes and deceit, even as the show's editing left them as little more than two-dimensional cartoons.

Removed from the comforts of the modern world with only a \$1 million dollar prize as their goal, the contestants quickly shed all pretenses of civilized behavior, and sometimes sanity, as they clawed and lied to the end.

It was superior to any scripted series I had seen. Maybe my training in dramatic writing had jaded me to the predictable plot points and predetermined character arcs of even the best "fictional" shows. I can't deny the thrill, though, of

watching real people regress to their most devious and infantile urges, considering their fellow contestants to be nothing more than chess pieces. There's unpredictability fictitious shows can't give you without seeming contrived.

Granted, not all of the imitators spawned by the success of the first "Survivor" lived up to what makes these "reality" series so great. I should point out I only refer to the series in which the contestants are pitted against each other for victory. I am not a fan of winefests like "The Real World" or hook-up bonanzas like "Temptation Island," in which the only real issue at stake is how many of the contestants have an STD.

No, I watch for the gamesmanship. There is a social Darwinism

inherent in "reality" shows (or as I like to call them, "game operas") like "Survivor" and "Big Brother" that compels me. I watch as people I would like to think normally would never condone such actions gang up on the physically unattractive, socially awkward, or anyone who is too "different" and promptly boot them from the game. In the case of "Survivor," the physically weak rarely last long, either.

Next, the "threats" are eliminated. If you're too nice, too good-looking or too moral, it's outta the pool for you. More often than not, the producers present, through their editing, the winners of these games as morally ambiguous. Sure, they backstabbed, but not too much.

Sure, they participated in group decisions, but they weren't the

leaders. Sure they had opinions, but they rarely shared them.

Of course, there are expectations, but I can't help but marvel while in the "real" world, it's either high achievement or criminal acts that garner one attention, in this alternate universe, the nondescript hold the advantage.

The system actually rewards covert action, and sometimes pure inaction.

This was the case with the winner of "Survivor: Africa," who was nice and kind to all his opponents while his voting bloc axed them one by one. In the end, his bloc self-destructed in suspicion and paranoia, leaving him the winner.

So, I keep watching. The early leaders fall, and the silent beginners rise like sphinxes to dominate the end game.

Maybe that's the attraction.

When the loudmouths, the bullies and the crass manipulators get shown the door, I share the thrill with the remaining contestants.

Even when someone odious does win, I can at least marvel at his or her effective strategy.

Back to my current obsession. Roddy thinks he now runs the game, but I'd watch out for that breast-implemented mother of two, Danielle.

She knows Roddy is her main competition.

Most bid the last week's evictee, the breast-implemented mother of five, a fond farewell.

Danielle summed up the situation with a staggering coolness: "Two down. Eight to go."

May the most socially adept win the competition.

Cowan Center season opens with Somers

by Hannah Buchanan
Entertainment editor

The Cowan Fine and Performing Arts Center opens this year's season with Suzanne Somers. Somers brings her award winning show to Tyler on Sept. 21.

Tickets are \$30, \$40 and \$50 each and go on sale Aug. 26 at the box office.

Comedy is woven into the Las Vegas-styled show, which includes song and dance.

Also known for her roles in the television sitcoms "Step by Step" and "Three's Company," Somers won Las Vegas' "Entertainer of the Year" award.

For season tickets or any other information, contact the box office at 566-7424 or visit the website at www.uttyl.edu/cowan.

Simple Simon's: simply the best pizza

by Hannah Buchanan
Entertainment editor

Review Walking into the restaurant for the first time, I realized this was what Whitehouse needed all along. Who doesn't like pizza or salads? How about calzones or sandwiches?

One out of hundreds of Simple Simon's Pizza restaurant chains just so happens to be settled in the East Texas area. Whitehouse needed a good "pizza place" - and I'm glad someone in the growing city decided to do something about it.

Simple Simon's Pizza is certainly not your typical Italian restaurant. For instance, there are no Italian love songs filling the room. It's a nice, simple place, with an American flair. Booths and tables decorate the place alongside many windows. It reminds me a little bit of Pizza Hut.

When thinking of anything Italian, pizza usually is the first thing that comes in many peo-

ple's minds. Simple Simon's pizza tastes great and it has other great food choices as well.

It serves many kinds of calzones, specialty pizzas and sandwiches. It also includes hot wings and cinnamon bread on the menu.

My personal favorites are the supreme calzone and the "Pepperoni Pounder" specialty pizza. All of the prices are low and reasonable compared to other Italian restaurants. Sandwich combos are only \$3.99. Pizzas start at \$4.99 with the Jumbo (16") sized starting at \$11.99.

If you want the more traditional Italian dishes, do not fret. Those available include pasta and chicken alfredo.

There also is a fine salad bar with a variety of fresh, colorful toppings, special price days and an "All You Can Eat" buffet for only \$3.99 during afternoon hours. "Monday Night Madness" offers two large single topping pizzas for only \$13.99. On

"Tuesday Family Night," families can eat the "All You Can Eat" buffet from 5- 8 p.m. I concluded its busiest days are Tuesday nights and Sunday afternoons.

The service at Simple Simon's is unmatched and unique in its own way as well. The workers are friendly and they take orders fast and efficiently—both over the phone and in person.

Simple Simon's website says all of the restaurants try to strive for excellent service.

"The people are nice and the restaurant is in a convenient location," one customer said. "I can get great pizzas without fighting the Tyler traffic."

And to top it off, there also is a game room for the kids, a conference room and a party room.

Located at 904 Hwy. 110, Simple Simon's Pizza offers great food, service and a location to satisfy all of its customers - from the young to the young at heart.

It's pretty simple indeed.

Cowan Center

2002-2003 Season Schedule

- **La Boheme** - Oct. 8
The Stranislavsky Opera Co. presents this moving and upbeat opera.
- **Front Porch Blues** - Oct. 25
Musicians come together to celebrate Delta Blues.
- **Gregory Hines** - Nov. 15
The Tony Award nominee brings his talent to the Cowan Center.
- **Big Band Dance Party** - Jan. 23
The Jivin' Lindy Hoppers perform on stage.
- **Fosse** - Feb. 14
Tony award winning musical, performed by 28 Broadway dancers.
- **On Golden Pond** - Feb. 22
Jack Klugman stars in this heartwarming tale.
- **Robert Novak and Bill Press** - Jan. 30
Co-hosts of CNN's Crossfire square off in a live debate.
- **Greater Tuna** - March 8
A comedic play, featuring the original cast.
- **Steve Forbes** - March 20
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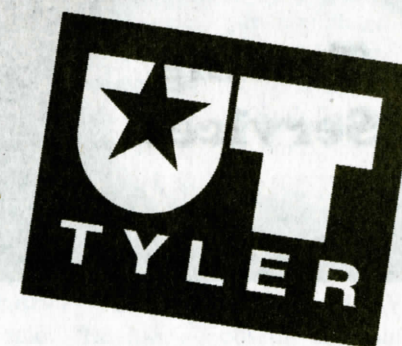
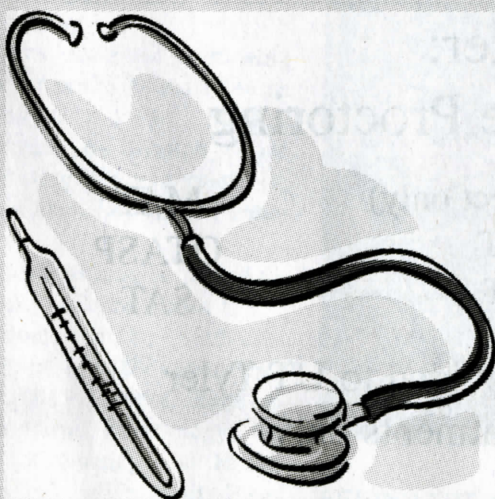
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GMAT, LSAT & others**

Prevention Education

**Counseling, Disability,
& Career Self-Help
Resources**



Stressed?
Depressed?
Anxious?
Relationship Issues?
Communication Issues?
Low Self-Esteem?
Other Personal Concerns?

The Student Counseling Center Offers:

Individual Therapeutic Counseling

Relaxation Training

Career Counseling and Assessment

Referrals

All Counseling Services are confidential and
provided by Licensed Professional Counselors
**Services are provided to currently
enrolled students at no charge**



**Testing
Services**
**University Center
Room 111B**

**We offer:
Correspondence Proctoring**

ACT
CLEP
ExCET

GRE (Subject only)
LSAT
MRT

MAT
QTASP
SAT

Testing Services are provided to UT Tyler
students by appointments only.